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General Andreas ZAKO and the MHBK

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Reference: **GENERAL** WASH 03538
SUBJECT **SPECIFIC**

1. (General) Andreas ZAKO, former G-2 during the SZTASI regime in Hungary, is at present the leader of a right-wing Hungarian emigre organization, the "Magyar Harcosok Bajtarsi Kozossege", with headquarters in the French zone of Austria. During the past several years the MHBK has been attempting to secure the support of Western nations, including the USA, for military and intelligence activities directed against the present Hungarian regime. ZAKO's aims are primarily political and his claims as to the capabilities of his organization are greatly exaggerated. His group is penetrated by the Communists, his nets to Hungary have been wiped out, and information he now has is apparently based on refugee debriefings or outright fabrication. ZAKO's reports are peddled to all Western intelligence services through a vast network of cutouts and blinds. The volume of those reaching ZASEDA now exceeds fifty per cent of the total Hungarian reports from all sources, and our evaluation and dissemination channels are becoming clogged with this spurious material. We have been forced to follow the activities of the MHBK throughout Europe in order to identify, and where possible nullify, ZAKO's outlets for his "intelligence" product.

2. In this connection, the following two reports concerning your area have recently come to our attention:

a. ZAKO himself claimed a few months ago that his organization was at that time in contact with members of an unnamed American intelligence agency in Trieste.

b. A recent report from Germany stated that the MHBK has opened negotiations with Yugoslav representatives in Vienna for collaboration with the Yugoslav IS. Allegedly, the Yugoslav Government is willing to furnish bases from which the MHBK can launch operations into Hungary if, in return, they receive copies of the information obtained.

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3. If ZAKO does have a channel into an American agency in Trieste, he is most probably using it as another outlet for MHBK-fabricated information. The report on negotiations with the Yugoslav IS may be true, but we believe it more likely to be a rumor spread by ZAKO to lend authenticity to his non-existent intelligence activities.

4. Although several hundred members of the MHBK have been identified at headquarters, we have no information on the organization in Trieste. The only lead we can offer is a report received several months ago to the effect that Aurel ~~LISZAY~~, notorious Hungarian IS and Italian IS double agent, is in contact with CID (sic) Trieste and that he was requested by them to suggest a good Hungarian contact man in the area. LISZAY referred this request to General ZAKO, with whom he is also in contact.

5. Another possibility is that Laszlo HORY, ZAKO's assistant in Innsbruck, may be in contact with U.S. agencies in Trieste through refugee Yugoslav groups. HORY was a Hungarian agent in Yugoslavia during the war, in touch with MIHAILOVIC's G-2, and is believed now to be in contact with former intelligence personnel in the Royal Yugoslav Intelligence Service in Italy.

6. It is requested that [] attempt to pin down any channels to U.S. agencies the MHBK may have in your area. If it is impossible to identify sources of Hungarian information there as members of the MHBK through name-checks with headquarters, it may be necessary for you to arrange for direct dissemination of locally procured Hungarian reports so that they can be compared with the known MHBK product here.

7. Attached is a copy of SO DB 29657, 11 October 1950, "Magyar Harcosok Bajtarsi Kozossege", which contains further general background information on this group.

NO ATTACHMENTS FOR FILES
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Attachment

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